

COMMITTS AWARD WINNERS

VISTA TECHNOLOGIES - President Armondo De La Paz - Texas -based VISTA TECHNOLOGIES was the 1997 SBA Small Business Prime Contractor of the Year and winner of the 1997 DOD Nunn-Perry Award. VISTA TECHNOLOGIES is a ten year old firm with 200 employees. They will be supported by six additional small businesses, of which one is woman-owned and four are 8(a). VISTA has entered into a mentoring relationship with two of the four 8(a) firms. This team has offices in the District of Columbia and nine other states.

ITS SERVICES, Inc - President Angela Mason - Virginia-based ITS has attained SEI Level 2 certification and was the 1998 Small Business Partner of the Year at the Treasury Department. This 8(a) firm was founded in 1991 and will be assisted by four additional small businesses, three woman-owned and one 8(a). Small businesses currently comprise 87% of the work subcontracted by ITS.

COMMAND TECHNOLOGIES - President Donald E. Rose – The 1997 Outstanding Native American Business of the Year, the SBA Region III 1998 Small Business of the Year, and a 1999 Hammer Award winner, Virginia-based Command Technologies, Inc. (CTI) has been working in an SEI Level 2 environment since April 1997. CTI has grown from one person in 1988 to over 190 today. CTI will be supported by seven additional small, minority, and woman-owned businesses, five of which are 8(a), including Alaskan Tribally-owned Arctic Slope - Communications and Native American-owned Cherokee Information Services.

SABRE - President James J. O'Donnell - In addition to ongoing ISO 9000 and SEI Level 2 efforts, Pennsylvania-based SABRE is a Wharton School of Business 100 Awardee and the Naval Air Warfare Center Small Business of the Year. SABRE will be supported by seven additional small businesses, four of which are 8(a) and another woman-owned.

DATA INDUSTRIES - President Charles Duval - New York-based DATA INDUSTRIES was the Department of Commerce's National Minority Entrepreneur of the Year and the 1998 New York City Business of the Year. DATA was founded in 1980. They will be assisted by three additional small businesses, two woman-owned and the other small disadvantaged. Active in the community, Charles Duval was named one of the "Towering Men of Harlem" for work with the local high school computer labs.

INGENIUM - President Andre L. Lynch - Maryland-based INGENIUM has been working in an ISO 9000 environment since July, 1997. They were also the Warner-Robbins Air Force Base Project Team of the Year. Founded in 1992, INGENIUM has over 100 employees and operations in ten states. INGENIUM will be assisted by six additional small businesses, five of them small disadvantaged. Currently, 80% of work subcontracted by INGENIUM goes to small business.

STG, Inc - President Simon S. Lee - From its founding in 1986, Virginia-based STG has grown to offices in seven states and the District of Columbia. President Simon Lee was the 1998 Small Business Person of the Year for the District of Columbia. STG expects to attain SEI CMM Level 2 by the end of 1999 and ISO 9000 Certification in 2000. STG is partnered with ten additional small businesses, half of which are 8(a).

INDUS - President Shiv Krishnan- From its 1991 founding, Virginia-based INDUS has grown to ten offices across the U.S. and is the 1998 SAIC Small and Disadvantaged Business of the Year. Approximately 25% of their 130 person staff work in an SEI Level 3 systems development environment. INDUS is partnered with four additional small businesses, two small disadvantaged and one 8(a).

RSIS - President Rodney P. Hunt - From its 1992 founding, Virginia-based RSIS has developed nationwide sites with a Top Secret Facility Clearance. RSIS assisted the Headquarters Pacific Air Force in their winning the Frank B. Rowlett Award for Information Systems Security and they were named the 1998 Ernst & Young Emerging High Technology Entrepreneur of the Year. RSIS is supported with four additional small businesses, two small disadvantaged and two 8(a). Their proposal also incorporated the Administration's Welfare to Work initiative and the District of Columbia's High School Internship Program.

CENTECH - President Fernando Galaviz - Virginia-based CENTECH has over ten years experience, 300 professionals and nationwide offices. CENTECH is currently operating in a Level 2 environment as they work toward Level 3. CENTECH is supported by 12 small businesses, all either 8(a) or small disadvantaged. They were also given FEMA's "Outstanding Public Service Award" for work in the aftermath of the 1998 Oklahoma tornado.

MICROSTAR - President Belinda Cheng - Maryland-based MICROSTAR was founded in 1983 and is a 1998 graduate of the 8(a) program. They were recipients of the 1997 Government Computer News Industry Information Technology Award and cited by Bell Atlantic as one of their top minority-owned firms. MICROSTAR is supported by an additional fourteen small businesses, ten of which are 8(a).

RGII -President Kathryn B. Freeland - From its founding in 1990, Maryland-based RGII has grown to over 160 employees and 16 on- and off-site locations nationwide. RGII was the 1995 Small Business Person of the Year for Baltimore and a 1997 recipient of a NOAA Award of Excellence. RGII received *Black Enterprise* magazine's 1999 Emerging Company of the Year award and were a 1999 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year finalist. RGII will be assisted by six additional small businesses, including small, woman-owned and/or 8(a) firms.

ARTEL -President Abbas Yazdani- Virginia-based ARTEL has top secret clearance and expects to be certified ISO 9000 by the end of the year. They were also the 1994 DISA Small Business Contractor of the Year. ARTEL will be assisted by six additional small businesses, two of which are woman-owned and one small disadvantaged.

NIETO ENGINEERING - President Felix Nieto, II -Illinois-based NIETO ENGINEERING has over 18 years experience and was the Minority Business Development Agency's 1995 Minority High Technology Firm of the Year for the Midwest Region. NIETO ENGINEERING will be assisted by three additional small businesses, two of which are woman-owned and one 8(a).

QSS GROUP, Inc - President Frank Islam - Maryland-based QSS has over 200 employees and offices in 11 states and the District of Columbia. They received numerous awards/quality certifications from firms such as Arthur Andersen and Ernst & Young. QSS will be supported by three additional small businesses, including ISO 9000-registered Signal.

INFOPRO - President Suteera Graham - Maryland-based INFOPRO was the Department of Transportation's 1996 Woman-Owned Business of the Year. Established in 1989, INFOPRO was also cited by Federal Integrator as one of the Top 25 8(a) firms in the IT Field. Active in the community (commendations from Congresswoman Morella and County Executive Duncan), INFOPRO will be assisted by eight additional small businesses, four woman-owned and another three small disadvantaged.

MENTOR TECH - President John R. Bellinger - Maryland-based MENTOR TECH was founded in 1991. They currently function in an ISO 9000 environment at NASA and expect their own certification this August. MENTOR TECH will be supported by eight additional small businesses, four of which are woman-owned and another two 8(a).

AC TECH - President Satya Akula - Virginia-based AC TECH is certified Level 2 and expects to be certified Level 3 by the end of 1999. They have approximately 100 employees and will be assisted by five additional small businesses, two of which are small disadvantaged, one 8(a), and one woman-owned.

MATCOM - President Louis H. Ray - Virginia-based MATCOM is a 1998 Hammer Award winner and expects to conclude their CMM Level 2 initiative in November. An SBA Regional Small Business Contractor of the Year in Massachusetts, they have offices in sixteen states and the District of Columbia. MATCOM is supported by nine additional small businesses, five of which are small disadvantaged and another woman-owned.

COMSO, Inc - President Margaret C. Mix - Maryland-based COMSO was founded in 1988 and is currently in the process of obtaining CMM Level 3 certification. They were also cited as the State of Maryland Employer of the Year for their leadership on women's issues. COMSO will be assisted by three additional small businesses, two small disadvantaged and the other woman-owned.

TRANTECH, Inc. - President M. TiTi McNeil - Virginia-based TRANTECH, Inc., a woman-owned business, was founded in 1989 and currently employs more than 50 IT professionals with an average of 18 years experience. TRANTECH was ranked by Washington Technology Fast 50 as one of the 50 fastest-growing information services companies in the Washington Metropolitan area in 1996, 1997, and 1998. Deloitte & Touche's National Technology Fast 500 ranked TRANTECH as among the 500 fastest-growing technology companies in the country in 1997 and 1998. TRANTECH will be assisted by three additional small businesses.

SOFTWARE CORPORATION - President Surendra Nath Ray - Maryland-based SOFTWARE CORP was founded in 1987 and is ISO 9000 compliant under the Lockheed Martin umbrella until their own certification this summer. They have nationwide offices and will be assisted by six additional small businesses, three of which are woman-owned and two others 8(a).

TECHNOLOGY PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT - President Hari H. Nath - North Carolina-based TECH PLANNING was founded in 1987 and has grown to over 200 professionals and offices in Massachusetts and South Carolina. They expect independent Level 2 certification this summer and intend to achieve Level 3 by the end of 1999. They were one of only two repeat winners of the Commerce Partner in Quality Award. They will be assisted by seven additional small businesses, two of which are woman-owned and another two small disadvantaged.

PRAGMATICS - President Dr. Long Nguyen - Virginia-based PRAGMATICS was founded in 1985. They have an active Level 2/3 initiative and will undergo formal assessment in May. PRAGMATICS will be assisted by four additional small businesses, all 8(a).

COMPUTECH - President Byron W. John - Maryland-based COMPUTECH was founded twenty years ago and has been cited with a Computerworld Smithsonian Award. While they regularly work with over 30 subcontractors, they are a prime contractor in 90% of their assignments.

DYNAMIC TECHNOLOGIES - President Homer Pettit, Jr. - Virginia-based DYNAMIC is ISO 9000 certified through 2001. Dynamics was founded in 1986 and has offices in Virginia and Texas. They will be assisted by four additional small businesses, three of which are 8(a).

MARASCO NEWTON - President Amy L. Marasco - Virginia-based MARASCO NEWTON is currently working in the EPA Moses program (independently certified at SEI Level 3). The employee-owned company was founded in 1990 and has over 300 professionals. MARASCO will be assisted by seven additional small businesses, two of which are woman-owned and another 8(a). Active in the community, they were recognized by Arlington County for work with local non-profits.

MULTIMAX - President W. Winston Chan - Maryland-based MULTIMAX was founded in 1988 and has grown to seven offices in five states. They expect to graduate from the 8(a) program in 2000. They were cited as an Intel "Top 100 Systems Builder" and have received quality citations from Deloit & Touche to Government Computer News. They will be assisted by three additional small businesses, two of which are woman-owned and the other 8(a).

DICHROMA - President Lee Ziegler - A former Department of Transportation Minority Firm of the Year, DICHROMA is a Virginia-based firm with 20 years experience. They will be assisted by four additional small businesses, all of which are small disadvantaged.